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In re the Application of:

Stephen L. Fichera

Serial No.: 10/675,451

Filed: September 30, 2003

For: APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR
STORING SLIDES IN AN ANGULAR
ARRANGEMENT

) Group Art Unit: 3653

) Confirmation No. 5606

) Examiner: Kenneth Noland

RESPONSE TO ELECTION/RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT TRANSMITTAL

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Transmitted herewith, in response to the Office Action mailed August 8, 2005, is a Response to Election/Restriction Requirement (6 pages) for the above-identified application.

Respectfully submitted,

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In response to the Election/Restriction Requirement mailed August 8, 2005, Applicant hereby elects the invention of Group 3 (Claims 12-20), as shown in Fig. 5A. Claims 1-11 are withdrawn from consideration, but remain pending in the application.

This response is being submitted in accordance with the format authorized by the PTO in the proposed revision to 37 C.F.R. § 1.121. A complete listing of the claims start on page 2. Remarks are on page 6.